

The inevitably corrupting influence of the growing consolidation of ownership by media giants is clearly evident in the behavior of Sinclair Broadcasting.

This corporation is turning its 62 stations into tools of political favoritism wielded by its owner, the Sinclair family. This one family now is able to force-feed its self-serving political and commercial interests upon the 24 percent of the American public in the markets of its 62 TV stations.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.